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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In Re Application of:** Bicek et al.  
**Application No.:** 10/058,640  
**Filed:** January 30, 2002  
**For:** STENT WITH WISHBONE  
CONNECTORS AND SERPENTINE  
BANDS  
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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2003

Please amend the Application as follows:

## REMARKS

In the Office Action of April 4, 2003, a restriction requirement was set forth identifying the following species:

Species A: corresponding to FIGs. 1 and 2;

Species B: corresponding to FIG. 3;

Species C: corresponding to FIG. 4; and

Species D: corresponding to FIGs. 5 and 6.

In response to the restriction requirement Applicant provisionally elects Species D corresponding to FIGs 5 and 6.

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-11, 13-15, and 17-22 are believed to read on the elected species. In light of the above claims, 3, 7, 12 and 16 are withdrawn.

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**FORMALITIES**

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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing it is believed that the present application, with claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-11, 13-15, and 17-22 is in condition for allowance. Early action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

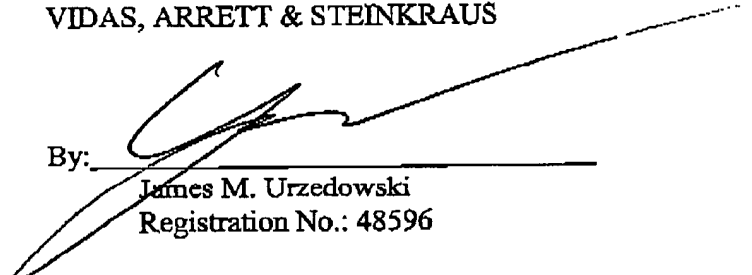
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